

REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claims 1-3, 5, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21 and 22 and leaves claims 4, 6-13, 15, 18 and 20 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 1-22.

The present Amendment is being submitted to correct the formal matters as requested in the outstanding Office Action in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle. Applicants acknowledge that upon correcting such formal matters, the application will be in condition for allowance and allowance thereof will be immediately indicated.

The Examiner's cooperation is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' Attorney by telephone should any further indefinite matter be discovered so that appropriate amendments may be made.

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action the Examiner indicated that the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on March 12, 2007 has not been considered in part, but two references cited in said Information Disclosure Statement have not been considered being that the Examiner alleged that Applicants did not provide reference number for each of such references. Attached herewith is a Form PTO-1449 which list the two references and copies of said references submitted by the March 12, 2007 Information Disclosure Statement and indicated by the Examiner as not being considered. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner indicate consideration of said references in the forth coming Office Action.

Claims 1-22 stand objected to due to informalities noted by the Examiner in paragraph 3 of the Office Action. Amendments were made to

claims 1-22 to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner. Therefore, this objection is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication in paragraph 7 of the Office Action that claims 1-22 would be allowable if amended to overcome the objections as set forth in the Office Action. Amendments were made to claims 1-22 to overcome the objections noted by the Examiner in the Office Action. Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 1-22 are allowable as indicated by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 1-22 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 1-22 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (500.43030X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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